

Connecting Kids to Coverage National Campaign

Dear [STATION CONTACT/PARTNER NAME],

Millions of uninsured children are eligible for Medicaid and CHIP!

Having high quality, affordable health coverage can mean the world to parents and their families. With health coverage, parents can rest easy knowing their children can receive the routine preventive care that keeps them healthy and the medical help they need if they get sick or injured.

Free and low-cost health insurance is available through Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and enrollment is open year-round; these programs have been instrumental in substantially reducing the percentage of uninsured children – with more than **38.5 million children covered**.

However, there are still a substantial number of children who remain without health coverage vulnerable to infectious disease, ill-prepared for an emergency or routine care. **Recent research** indicates that approximately 2.3 million uninsured children across the country are eligible for Medicaid and CHIP programs. Often, parents and caretakers are not aware that their children may be eligible for coverage.

Children in a family of four earning up to \$50,000* a year or more may qualify. Coverage includes:

- regular check-ups,
- immunizations,
- doctor and dentist visits,

- hospital care,
- mental health services,
- prescriptions, and more.

Help us **spread the word** about free or low-cost health insurance coverage!

We hope that you will use the enclosed public service announcements (PSAs) and inform families in your community about Medicaid and CHIP:

[Language] English [PSA Name]: [PSA Type]

Example: "Peace of Mind": 30 Second Radio PSA

[Language] Spanish [PSA Name]: [PSA Type]

Example: "Enroll Year-Round": 15, 30 and 60 Second Live Read Radio Scripts

We thank you in advance for spreading the word about these critical programs available through Medicaid and CHIP! For more information about [STATE MEDICAID/CHIP PROGRAM], go to [URL] or call [LOCAL NUMBER].

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact CMS' Media Relations Group by filling out our **Media Inquiries Form**. For more information about the Campaign, go to **InsureKidsNow.gov**.

Sincerely,

[NAME]

Please Note: Produced PSAs must be used on donated or free airtime; they cannot run on any paid media or be used as paid commercials. Campaign PSAs have unlimited talent rights and can be used in outreach indefinitely, but only as produced by CMS.

*Your state's income limit for a family of four at 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). To find the annual FPL figure, visit ASPE Poverty Guidelines. To find the specific FPL guidelines for your state, click InsureKidsNow.gov or contact your state's Medicaid or CHIP program for information. Note: The income level figure will change from year to year based on the annual release of FPL guidelines.